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PATENT

Docket No. 265.00410101

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	LEMON et al.)	Group Art Unit:	1648
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Serial No.:	10/580,979)	Examiner:	Unknown
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Filed:	31 May 2006)		
For:	REPLICATION COMPETENT HEPATITIS C VIRUS AND METHODS OF USE			

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."